

WELCOME

Incoming City Planning Students!

Hey M1s of 2023,

We're so excited for you to join us in the Department of City Planning. Congratulations on your acceptance! We are the University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students (UMAPS) and we represent the student body for the MCP Program.

We just want to welcome you to the program and to Winnipeg's wonderful planning community. Starting a new program is sometimes overwhelming and stressful so we are here to offer our support and help wherever possible to make your transition into the program fun and exciting! If you have any questions for us or would like advice on entering into graduate studies, please don't hesitate to contact us. For those new to Winnipeg, some of us are long-term Winnipeggers that can answer questions about what is happening in the city, while others can offer you guidance as international students.

Once again, congratulations on getting into the program! You're in for a great time with new friends, experiences and knowledge on the horizon. We'll reach out to you in September with details about the first UMAPS meeting, which we encourage you to attend. In the meantime, relax and enjoy your summer!

All the best,

UMAPS and the student body of MCP



SAY HELLO!

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QUICK ANSWERS

What is UMAPS?

We are a small committee that serves to represent our small department. We plan fun social events, networking opportunities and provide various funding to planning students. We typically meet once a month, but you'll hear about that in early Fall.

What are cohorts?

Cohorts are the group of students that have been accepted into the program in the same year. Typically there are the M1s (first year) and M2s (second years), you may also hear of the M+ (a few still completing their capstone projects and theses).

What is colloquium?

You may have heard of these or you will over the summer, but they are fun and informative meetings with the entire faculty (profs, M1s and M2s) that typically happen during the lunch hour once every month.

TIPS FOR THE SUMMER

- 1 Learn and become accustomed with Adobe programs like InDesign and Illustrator. Many of us were not familiar with these programs and had to learn them on the go, so knowing how to navigate them will help you in the Fall.
- 2 Begin to consider what your planning interests might be. The list of recommended readings shared by the department can help guide you. At the same time, getting a good break before starting your degree is also important!
- 3 Reach out to any of us on the list above! We'd be happy to answer questions or provide personal tips and our input on online learning.

